The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 16, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W.F. McElroy, Cliff Daniels, Vic Jones

Also Present: C.R. Brown, City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Absent: Roy R, Roberts

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of August 2, 1983 be approved as presented. 10956

Mrs. Margaret Phelps, representing the Norton Little League, appeared before Council asking for permission for the Little League to sponsor a circus to raise revenue. After discussion, Mayor Hunnicutt advised Mrs. Phelps that the concensus of Council was to turn down this request. On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones, and passed by unanimous vote, Council denied the request and instructed Mrs. Phelps to furnish them with a financial statement by the next council meeting and they would try to aid them in their determined need.

The City Manager presented Council with a letter from the State Department of Corrections requesting Norton's assistance in running a new facility in the vicinity of Lebanon. The City's contribution would be \$1,677 if Scott County contributed; \$2,514 if they did not.

After Much discussion, Council decided to table this matter until they have a proposal presented and more budget information.

The City Manager presented a request in the amount of \$1,463 to be taken from Contingency to cover the City's share of the settlement of the Chapter 10 Board Case. On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that \$1,463 be taken from Contingency to be paid at the appropriate time and subject to the approval of the City Attorney after his review of the case and with the understanding that this does not commit the City to further financial obligations in this case.

The City Manager presented a report to Council on the water reserves. Mr. McElroy inquired as to whether or not we were buying water from Wise. Mr. Brown advised that we had tried but were experiencing problems with the Wise County PSA's lines. After the repairs are made, then we will begin purchasing water from Wise.

Mayor Hunnicutt inquired about the water seepage at Robinette Branch. The City Manager advised him of his findings after inspecting the dame with Mr. Gilly.After discussion, Council advised Mr. Brown to try to fix the leaks and also get with Don Jack Mullins, engineer on this job, to give Council alternatives on what should be done to this dam.

A presentation was made by the City Manager on water accountability. After much discussion, the Mayor asked Mr. Brown to have the amount of metered water billed, in gallons, added to the water Status report beginning with July's report. Mr. Brown advised that it would be added to the report and that he would go back to January and get these figures.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344 (A) (1) and legal matters as per 2.1-344 (A) (6) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

Mayor Hunnicutt declared Council back in regular session and reported there was nothing to report on legal matters.

Councilman Daniels nominated Dr. R. Deaton Smith for another term on the Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council. This term to expire October 31, 1986.

Councilman McElroy made a motion that the nominations be closed. This motion was seconded by Councilman Daniels and was passed by unanimous vote that Dr. R. Deaton Smith be reappointed to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council for a three year term which expires October 31, 1986

The City Manager had some comments for the Council - one of which was regarding railroad crossings. Mr. Brown advised that he and the City Attorney had researched the Code on railroad crossings. Upon inspection of the ten crossings in the City, there are five that need to be fixed. **Certified** letters with return receipts requested will be sent out of the City Manager's Office advising the rail companies that either they fix them or the City has the right to do so and bill them for the costs.

Mr. Brown also checked into the cost of increasing drainage pipe size at Council's request for the drainage network the City is getting ready to work on under HUD money. To increse the size of all pipes by six inches, the location has to be changed to the other side of the street and the cost will be approximately \$16,000. After much discussion and upon motion by Vic Jones, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to increase the pipe sizes by six inches and to make those changes in the drainage plan so as to provide for future accommodations in the area. The City Manager will bring to Council on Sept. 6th the final cost for confirmation.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Mary Brown, Asst. Clerk